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SUBJECT: REPORT TO USUN BY CHAIRMAN OF HRC INVESTIGATIVE GROUP ON HIS ABORTIVE MISSION TO CHILE

1. SUMMARY: ALLANA, CHAIRMAN OF HRC GROUP TO INVESTIGATE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHILE, CALLED ON USUN TO EXPRESS HIS CONTINUING RESENTMENT AND DISAPPOINTMENT OVER GOC DECISION TO BAR HIS ENTRY TO CHILE. HIS RESENTMENT WILL FURTHER COMPLICATE ANY ACTION TO REPAIR DAMAGE DONE BY THE DECISION. HIS GROUP WILL NOT RETURN TO CHILE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING PROGRESS REPORT TO 30TH GA AND IF GOC WISHES TO MAKE ANY CONTRIBUTION TO THAT REPORT, IT WILL HAVE TO DO SO WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH IN GENEVA. END SUMMARY

2. DR. GHULAM ALI ALLANA OF PAKISTAN CHAIRMAN OF THE HRC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, ACCCOMPANIED BY MARC SCHREIBER, DIRECTOR OF THE UN DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, CALLED UPON AMBASSADOR BENNETT 25 JULY TO REPORT UPON HIS ABORTIVE MISSION TO CHILE.

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3. ALLANA BEGAN BY DESCRIBING BACKGROUND OF HIS MSSION, EM-

PHASIZING THAT US HAD JOINED IN THE DECISION BY THE HRC TO ESTABLISH THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP. HE RECALLED THAT HE HAD MADE CERTAIN CONCESSIONS TO CHILEANS TO OBTAIN THEIR APPROVAL FOR HIS GROUP TO ENTER CHILE, E.G., INCREASING GROUP FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS, SUCCESSFULLY OPPOSING SOVIET ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE AN EASTERN BLOC MEMBER ON GROUNDS OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AND AGREEING TO VISIT CHILE IN JULY INSTEAD OF JUNE AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. HE CONSIDERED THAT THE AGREEMENT OF CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW HIS GROUP TO ENTER THE COUNTRY HAD BEEN BACKED BY USG.

4. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S QUESTION CONCERNING TESTIMONY THAT HIS GROUP HAD TAKEN FROM CHEILEAN REFUGEES, A PROCEDURE CRITICIZED BY GOC, ALLANA EXPLAINED THAT ANYONE COULD COME AND PRESENT TESTIMONY AND THAT HIS GROUP DID NOT ISSUE ANY KIND OF INVITATION TO DO SO. THE GROUP WAS CAPABLE OF EVALUATING THAT TESTIMONY AND HE CONSIDRED GOC'S CRITICISM AS MERELY AND EXCUSE FOR BARRING THE GROUP'S ENTRY. AMBASSADOR BENNETT RECALLED THAT ONE CRITICISM OF THIS PROCEDURE WAS THAT MOST OF THE REFUGEES WHO MADE PRESENTATIONS HAD FLED THE COUNTRY SOME TIME BEFORE AND HAD NO FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF RECENT EVENTS IN CHILE. ALLANA COUNTERED THAT MOST OF THE 80 OR SO PEOPLE WHO SUBMITTED TESTIMONY IN CARACAS WERE IN FACT RECENT ARRIVALS THERE.

5. ALLANA EXPRESSED INTENSE PERSONAL RESENTMENT THAT AFTER HE HAD COME HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CARRY OUT HIS MISSION, HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD BEEN TURNED BACK. "PEOPLE JUST DON'T BEHAVE LIKE THAT," HE ASERTED, AND REITERATED WITH SOME SATISFACTION THE LECTURE WHICH HE HAD READ THE CHILEANS IN LIMA (LIMA 5586). HE AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES HAD HOPED THAT THIS INVESTIGATORY MISSION WOULD SERVE AS A PRECEDENT FOR SIMILAR MISSIONS ELSEWHERE, THUS GREATLY STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE HRC IN PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT IT WOULD BE "A TREMENDOUS STEP FORWARD FOR INTEGRATING HUMANITY." HE WAS BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE GOC HAD PREVENTED ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS VITAL PRECEDENT. BENNETT EXPRESSED AGREEMENT AND EMPHASIZED THAT US HAD ALSO LOOKED ON ALLANA MISSION TO CHILE AS IMPORTANT PRECEDENT.

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6. IT IS CLEAR THAT ALLANA'S RESENTMENT AND DISAPPOINTMENT WILL MAKE MORE DIFFICULT ANY ATTMEPT TO REMEDY THE DAMAGE DONE BY GOC'S DECISION. THE CHILEANS, HE SAID, HAVE LET THE HRC DOWN AND, HE ADDED IN NEEDLING TONE, THAT THEY HAVE LET DOWN THE US WHICH ALSO TRUSTED THEM. HE SEEMED PREPARED TO PLACE SOME SHARE OF BLAME FOR FAILURE OF MISSION ON US, WHICH HAD STRONGLY INFLUENCED ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE. BENNETT AGREED THAT HE

CHILEANS HAD HURT THEMSELVES. HE ALSO TOLD ALLANA THAT THE USG HAD MADE ITS VIEWS CLEAR TO GOC. HE QUESTIONED ALLANA AS TO WHETHER HIS GROUP WOULD GO AGAIN TO CHILE AND IF A FORMULA COULD BE FOUND TO TREAT CHILEAN ACTION MERELY AS A SUSPENSION. ALLANA REPLIED, FIRST, THAT HIS GROUP'S MANDATE CALLED FOR A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE 30 TH GA WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE READY BY THE END OF AUGUST. THE GROUP COULD NOT GOT TO CHILE AGAIN PRIOR TO THAT TIME. HE TOOK POSITION GOC REPS WOULD HAVE TO APPEAR BEFORE HIS GROUP IN GENEVA IF THEY WANTED TO SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR THE PROGRESS REPORT. THE WOULD HAVE TO ADOPT A CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

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